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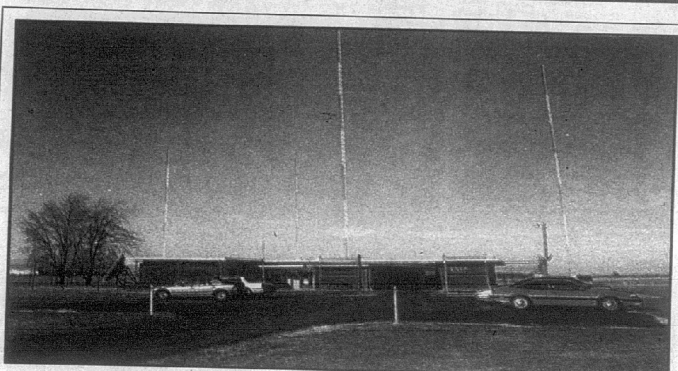
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Staff photo by John Freese

Four of KXEN-AM 1010's six broadcast towers dominate the landscape on Chain of Rocks east of Highway 111. The station plans to add three more towers to expand to nighttime broadcasting.

Reaching new heights

Station's new towers will expand signal

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

KXEN-AM 1010 is reaching for new heights. The Christian radio station is expanding its format to a 24-hour broadcast day. Station managers are having three, 200-foot towers raised on 40 acres of station property on Chain of Rocks east of Highway 111. The station currently has six, 265-foot towers for daytime broadcast. KXEN is a 50,000-watt daytime station. The new towers will allow for 500 watts at night.

Burt Kaufman, one of the station's owners,

said the cost for KXEN's new towers and other equipment could probably range from \$300,000 to \$400,000.

"Our signal" reaches almost all the way to Springfield, Ill., and to Festus and St. Louis," he said.

The new towers will allow for a much longer reach at night. Much less wattage is needed at night because signals are much stronger then.

"We've always been just a daytime station," he said. "We've been trying for (years) to acquire the ability to broadcast a contin-

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Forum suggestions:

Specific ideas area residents suggested at the 2004 forums include:

- Increase the supply and availability of affordable housing in the area.
- Re-use vacant and abandoned land in St. Louis. Vacant buildings are a blight on surrounding neighborhoods, convey a negative image of the city and should be used for business, industry or new residential development.
- Make downtown and the Mississippi riverfront a center for arts, entertainment and culture.
- Convene an annual summit at which businesses, non-profit and government leaders voluntarily commit to increasing racial, ethnic and gender diversity in responsible positions in management and on boards and commissions.
- Provide safe, accessible places for all children when they are not in school, with meaningful activities and trained supervisors.
- Change perception of the crime problem downtown.
- Emphasize the importance of prevention and wellness.
- Decrease the incidence of family violence.
- Stop the production and use of drugs and address the drug problem from a regional perspective.
- Create educational opportunities for all kids, not just college-bound kids. Educational opportunities should include school-to-work training and vocational education.
- Provide more recreation opportunities for kids. Create sports fields and recreation areas adjacent to schools.

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Thousands share ideas at forums

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Less talk and more action was one of the loudest messages heard around the region as leaders plan the vision for 2004.

St. Louis 2004 issued its report Tuesday summarizing the opinions gathered from 39 community forums held this fall.

The forums, sponsored by St. Louis 2004 and FOCUS St. Louis, invited residents and leaders from all walks of life in the 12-county region to discuss what is important to them and their communities.

"Never before in the St. Louis region have so many people been involved in shaping our future," said former U.S. Sen. John C. Danforth, chairman for St. Louis 2004. "Everyone can participate and thousands already have."

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Former U.S. Sen. John Danforth
2004 chairman

Michelle Cohen, vice president for communications at St. Louis 2004, said the meetings were very well attended.

"We averaged 60 to 70 people per meeting," she said. They were very passionate, and the people were very interested — and we were really encouraged.

"(The purpose) is to get more people involved in making decisions," she said. Peo-

ple had the impression a small group of people made the decisions for everyone, but 2004 is trying to change that impression.

"Anyone who wants to participate in making decisions can," Cohen said.

"Some people came to the forums feeling skeptical, expecting a gripe session or a long presentation," Danforth said.

Some participants stopped to thank the forum organizers for the opportunity to take part in open and frank discussions about what really matters in their communities, he said.

The top issues people raised at the forums include:

- Communities should be strong, self-reliant centers.
- Schools are our most important priority.
- The divisions in our communities are about race and other differences including geography, religion, ethnicity, age and class.

Downtown St. Louis is the heart of the region and it must be revived.

Physical infrastructure should be planned regionally and respond to local needs.

Everyone should have access to affordable health care.

Government must become

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Plans taking shape for industrial park

New light industry coming to town

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Two weeks later than planned, the Granite City Council unanimously approved the acquisition of 122 acres from Norfolk Southern Railroad and a related land sale to a new light industry.

A major portion of the land between Highway 3 and Missouri Avenue and north of Tower Automotive will be used to create Granite City Industrial Park.

"Sixty-three acres will be used to develop a light-industry park that will be rail-served," said Mayor Ron Selp.

The rest of the land will be used as drainage for the

"Sixty-three acres will be used to develop a light-industry park that will be rail-served."

Ron Selp
Granite City mayor

park, and, possibly, future wetlands mitigation.

Norfolk Southern must approve the acquisition, which city officials expect by the end of the year.

The Norfolk Southern deal involves the city purchasing 68.5 acres at a cost of \$6,000 an acre from Norfolk Southern.

A land gift to the city from the railroad for the balance of the land, approximately 53.5 acres.

Dan Brown, the city's economic development director, said the city will generate revenue purchase from general revenue funds. The city will recoup the costs from the newly created

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Anatomy of development

Leaders explain how business came to city

Editor's note: This is the first in a two-part series examining how a major business comes to the city.

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Some businesses can't simply come to town and set up shop. To make the deal beneficial for all concerned creates an intricate, but logical process.

RC Bush, executive vice president of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce; Dan Brown, director of economic development for Granite City; and Joe Darling, project manager for Midwest Metal Coating; explained the

Bush
was the
Chamber of Commerce

process at Wednesday's Rotary Action Prayer Breakfast at Charlie's Restaurant.

The city council Tuesday night approved the sale of 18 acres to Midwest Metal Coating LLC to build a plant on Illinois 3, and also approved the acquisition of 122 acres from Norfolk Southern Railroad.

The processes to bring Midwest to Granite City involved numerous entities. One of the first involved the Chamber of Commerce. Bush

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Faces

K. Schermer

Kathlynn Schermer is one of the Elks' students of the month for October.

She attends Granite City High School, where some of her honors and awards include National Honor Society, Who's Who, DARE, ALPHA Peer Leader, KMOX Student of the Week, and Mayor's Youth Board.

Her activities include the student council, hockey club, varsity club, social studies club, cheerleading, softball and math tutoring.

Schermer of Granite City is the daughter of David and Linda Schermer.



Special session

Edgar wants school funding reform

By Becky Vollmer

Telegraph staff writer
Although two school funding reform proposals have been defeated this year in the Illinois Legislature, Gov. Jim Edgar called Tuesday for a special session of the General Assembly to take up the issue once again.

The first plan passed the state House in the spring session with bipartisan support but was killed in the Senate. The second plan, a Republican measure, passed the Senate only to be defeated by a narrow margin in the House during last week's veto session.

Legislators on both sides of the aisle are applauding Edgar for calling the special session but differ on whether the out-

come will change.

Republicans say they have the votes for the legislation; Downstate Democrats say voters won't come from them.

"Much of the opposition we saw last week came from legislators in the Chicago and Downstate areas who had supported a bill last spring that would have done exactly the same thing for children in our poorest schools," Edgar said.

"The time has come to ask those legislators to do the right thing for the children of this state and vote to approve this legislation," he said.

The sticking point for Democrats is the issue of shifting the burden of school funding away from property taxes.

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Hotel jobs slated for residents

Agreement with Casino Queen paves way for 215-room hotel

By Jason White
Staff writer

The East St. Louis City Council approved an agreement Wednesday with the Casino Queen for a \$30- to \$40-million, 215-room hotel on the East St. Louis riverfront.

Councilman Alvin Parks Jr. said the agreement is "the best deal we could come up with at this time."

The only place we might have been able to do better is perhaps on the vending," Parks said.

The agreement increases the previous verbal agreement on hiring from 40 percent to at least 50 percent.

"That was only on a handshake," Parks said of the previous agreement. "Now, we've got a situation that it's actually locked in."

The main points of the agreement include:

- At least 30 percent of the hotel's jobs will go to residents of East St. Louis and other

"We can't do less than \$10 million of work, so that's not a bad deal. It's just about a perfect agreement."

— Guy Gettis

- At least 25 percent of vending and construction contracts — an estimated \$7.5 million — will go to businesses in the Enterprise Community. The city can fine the casino 1 percent of the amount of the goal the casino fails to meet.
- The city will enact a 7 percent hotel tax and rebate 65 percent to the casino for 20 years.
- The city will rebate 80 percent of the increased property

taxes for 10 years.

The lone dissenter to the agreement was Councilman Debra Powell, who reportedly disagreed with the 25 percent minimum on vending contracts.

Guy Gettis, the city's affirmative action advisor and president of the Southern Illinois Contractors Association, agreed.

"This is what we had been asking for since 1993 — put it in writing," Gettis said.

Gettis praised the council, and the Casino Queen for working together on the agreement.

"We can't do less than \$10

million of work, so that's not a bad deal," Gettis said. "It's just about a perfect agreement."

Both Gettis and Parks agreed that the minimum percentage on vending could increase as more businesses locate to East St. Louis.

Casino Queen representative Ron O'Connor said the casino and mayor's office will hold a joint news conference in mid-December to announce the preliminary plans and designs for the hotel.

Construction may begin in mid-April depending on the weather, he said.

The casino agreed to have a hotel "substantially complete" by mid-1999 when it purchased the riverfront property from the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority, O'Connor said.

"We will meet that commitment," he said.

The next step is for the state-appointed Financial Advisory Authority to approve the agreement.

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explained the chamber is a repository for thousands of items of information ranging from ownership of specific tracts to what kinds of training programs are available.

"It's trivia until the right person asks the right question," he said.

The chamber is also a networking organization with its ear to business. It both markets the area to outside entities and helps existing businesses remain in the city and expand.

Four or five years ago, there was talk about a new galvanized steel line. A Triple G line was built in Jackson, Miss., and Frecoat Metals — of which Midwest is a part — built a coating line next to it.

At the line, local unions impressed the importance of keeping the galvanized line in Granite City; the chamber learned if there was no line in Granite City, there would be no reason for the plant to remain here, Bush said.

When the new Triple G line was put in at Granite City Steel, the plant approached the chamber to find out what resources were available to support the new line. A coating line could not go on National Steel property; it would have to go elsewhere.

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collaborative on regional issues, and work together as a region to attract business and industry.

- Must have more open and honest discussions about the issues, even the tough ones.

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- Establish greater regional cooperation in marketing the St. Louis region. Market the 12-county region as one area, not competing jurisdictions. Encourage cooperation to attract economic development, tourism and infrastructure investment.
- Learn from each other and use best practices from right here in the region.
- Connect volunteers with the community's needs. The region is too big for word of

- Government and big businesses aren't the solution to all problems.
- The notes and information from all the forums will be incorporated into St. Louis 2004's work plan.
- From now through January, mouth.
- Stop just talking and do things that are productive and meaningful. No more talking or just coming to meetings.
- Develop African-American male leaders and mentors.
- Provide health care services to the insured and underinsured.

the 2004 groups will host issue-specific roundtable discussions on such topics as race and differences, community safety, air quality, formal education and sustainable neighborhoods.

The groups will then host a second round of public meetings in January to report back on the emerging plan for action in 1998 and gather more information. Call (314) 206-3204 for dates and locations of these meetings.

Cohen said the second round of meetings is designed to make certain the people were understood, and that the 2004 groups got everything right.

When developing the 1998 action plan, the groups' volunteer leadership will consider how much support an idea has whether it will produce measurable results quickly; whether there is a sound implementation strategy; does the idea have a regional impact; and does the idea have the support of various bodies, agencies and groups involved in the issue?

The first year work plan is scheduled for implementation in March next year.

R-Troy, said he's optimistic the measure will pass if voted on during the special session, but insisted that depends on "whether the other Downstate Democrats are wise enough to vote yes."

"This is a bill that does great things for the schools of our districts," he said. "There is no sane excuse for not voting for this."

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something they say this bill does not do.

"It's a Band-Aid solution with no dependable funding source and no property tax relief. To say this has anything to do with property tax relief, that's ridiculous. There's nothing in there," said state Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville.

To even intimate there is, is to bolster up a flawed and failed bill," Hoffman said.

Republicans maintain the legislation would provide more than \$800 million in new funding for schools, bringing the state's poorest districts to a minimum level of funding of \$4,225 per student, up from the current level of \$3,100.

Some Downstate schools are exceeding that standard already, but many are falling behind. Edwardsville Community Unit School District 7, for example, spends about \$4,800 per student.

District 7 Superintendent Ed Hightower said the state does not provide any help at that \$4,800 level and that property taxpayers here are footing the bill for quality education.

"I'm hoping something positive will come from the meeting," Hightower said. "Downstate Illinois is in dire need of funding. We can't expect taxpayers to continue to carry the load they have been."

There are pros and cons to both (proposals), but the bottom line is that school districts across the state need help now," Hightower said.

State Sen. Frank Watson, R-Greenville, co-sponsor of the proposal that will be reconsidered in the special session, called the legislation "truly a Downstate package."

Hoffman questioned that assessment, however. "Then why did all the Downstate Democrats and some of the Downstate Republicans vote against it?"

State Rep. Tom Holbrook,

D-Belleville, voted against the measure last week and said Tuesday he would not change his mind for the next vote, which is scheduled for Dec. 2. He said the coming first proposal, which Edgar himself backed.

"That's the one he should be calling," Holbrook said.

Tell people how they can make an impact.

to this plan because it is based in part on "the two most diminishing sources of revenue in the state," increased taxes on cigarettes and riverboat gambling.

Hoffman joked that under the plan, schoolchildren would be selling cartons of Marlboro cigarettes instead of boxes of candy for school fundraisers.

State Rep. Ron Stephens,

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NEWS IN REVIEW

Editor's note: News in Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record-Journals.

District clamps down on truancy

Too many students had bugged out of classes in the Granite City School District, causing both a lack of learning in the students and a loss of much-needed money for the district.

School officials began reigning in truants last year when they looked closely at the number of students who skipped and the amount of money the district was losing because of chronic truants.

Skipping school without permission violates both city and state law.

The penalty for chronic truancy now is a day in court and up to a \$500 fine for the parents. An even stiffer penalty would be the loss of state aid for a family.

If a chronic truant's family is on some sort of state assistance, the family could lose it because skipping school violates state law.

Attempted removal halts meeting

The Nov. 11 Pontoon Beach Village Board meeting ended abruptly after an attempt to remove Trustee Randy Presswood from office.

The meeting was adjourned after a vote to remove Presswood was tabled at the request of two trustees.

Presswood — more specifically his status as a resident — has been a matter of controversy since Oct. 20, when attorney Richard Rybak sent a letter saying he no longer fit the residency requirements to hold office.

At the meeting, Trustee Lou Whitsett made the motion, seconded by Trustee Bob Vincent, to remove Presswood. That was halted by Trustee Irene Karleschik motioned to table the matter and Trustee Gus Falter seconded her motion.

Whitsett then motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Bob Abel seconded that motion.

Venice library hooks up globally

Thanks to grants from the state, Venice Library patrons will be able to access the Lewis and Clark Library System and the Internet from the library.

Library Board members and city officials were on hand Nov. 12 to unveil the computers.

Librarian Charlyn Woods said the new computers will give Venice library patrons a chance to "be where all the other libraries are."

Two computers are available for public use.

One allows access to the Lewis and Clark Library System's catalog file and InfoTrac — a collection of more than 300 full text magazines.

The second computer allows access to the Internet using the NetScape web browser.

High school stages Byron's last day

Operation Lifesaver premiered its new safety video, "Byron's Last Day," at Madison High School Nov. 13.

Most of the video — dealing with the dangers of trespassing on railroad property — was filmed locally, using MHS students as extras.

The video was funded by a \$25,000 grant from Operation Lifesaver, and will be distributed to the program's state coordinators for use during safety presentations.

The star of the film is Byron — played by St. Louis actor Lamar Lockett — an up-and-coming high school comic who wins a local talent contest.

But while going home from school to watch him on television, Byron is delayed at a railroad crossing. Rather than wait for the stopped train to move, he tries to go between cars and is killed when it begins moving again.

School board members take seats

Two new members were sworn in and Sharon Cass was reelected president of the Madison Board of Education at a meeting Nov. 10.

New board members Carol Hamm and John Ervin were seated. Incumbents Harry Peterson — who had been appointed to fill an unexpired term — and James Newsome were also sworn in.

Renal Treatment Center opens

Renal Treatment Centers of Granite City, recently moved to the old Illinois Power building at the corner of 18th and Neidringhaus. It provides dialysis for approximately 75 patients in both Madison and St. Clair counties.

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Subdivision plats at golf course approved

TIF expansion plan under consideration

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Action on several parcels of land in the city of Madison's proposed tax increment financing district expansion was taken at Tuesday's meeting.

The council approved subdivision plats for the new Gateway National Golf Links, and land east of the golf course owned by Crowley Financial Corp., which is the parent company of the course developer.

The council also approved a resolution to include property being considered by Lincoln Land Development Co. in the proposed TIF expansion.

The council also approved a 20-year lease of right-of-way to B Auto Parts for part of Madison Road.

The company had been using the right-of-way as a parking lot for many years, and had a verbal agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation. It approached the city about putting the agreement in writing after the city took control of the street.

City Attorney Casper Nighohossian said the company's use of the right-of-way will not interfere with plans for a proposed new inter-

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section nearby.

The ratification of a lease agreement between the city and the owners of the Farm Fresh store at 305 Madison Ave. was also acted on by the Council.

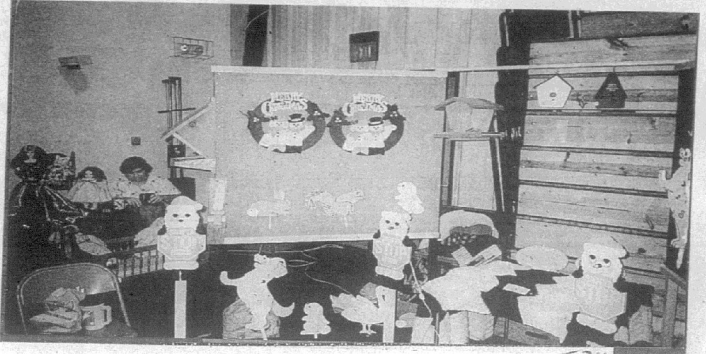
The store now occupies about half the available space at the David Cannole Alpine Village Shopping Center. The company had been paying \$2,000 per month rent, according to city officials. For an additional \$1,000 per month, the store will be allowed to expand into the other half.

In other business, the Council approved changing the starting times of the City Council meetings to 6:30 p.m. from 7 p.m.

The change will take place at the Jan. 13 meeting.

The Council also approved an agreement with Village Profile for advertising in local maps for \$565.

Also approved was a loan of \$1,000 to the Madison City Library for the installation of new carpet.



Christmas ideas

Wooden decorated Christmas and lawn ornaments and bird feeders designed by James Michel will be among the items to be on display at the Granite City Park District "Christmas Ideas Festival," to be held at the Harold Brown Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Germania customers close to recovering money

By Ande Yakstis
Telegraph Staff writer

Ralph and Dorothy Asbury remember the day in 1988 when they invested \$5,000 in capital notes in the former Germania Bank in Alton.

"Germania offered a 11 percent interest to buy the notes. It looked like a good deal," said Ralph Asbury, a retired Laclede Steel Co. worker from Meadowbrook.

The Asburys and hundreds of other note-buyers trusted GermaniaBank, a landmark that had operated in Alton since 1890.

Asbury remembered the sales pitch from the Germania representative nine years ago.

The banker told me: "Mr. Asbury, you don't have to worry about your \$5,000."

"It's safe. Germania is 100 years old. Our bank is solid as the Rock of Gibraltar."

The Germania representative lied to him, Asbury said.

When the Asburys laid down their \$5,000 for the bank notes, the bank employee failed to tell them — and hundreds of others who invested in the notes — that the bank was on the brink of failure.

"We and the note holders were like David fighting against the giant Goliath, the big government lawyers, in trying to recover the money."

Steve Stobbs

"The bank official hid a financial report from the Asburys and hundreds of other note-buyers that Germania was about to go belly up," said Wood River attorney Rod Pitts, a lawyer for the Asburys.

In June 1990, disaster struck for the Asburys and other capital note holders when Germania collapsed and was seized by the federal government.

"We were shocked. We couldn't believe it," Ralph Asbury said. "The bank betrayed us."

Asbury and 800 other capital note

holders jointly lost more than \$10 million.

Germania sold about \$15 million in uninsured, subordinated capital notes, called "schemotes," in 1987-88 to pump operating capital into the failing bank.

"They used a high-pressure sales campaign to prey on older people and lure them into buying the notes," Pitts said.

Ralph and Dorothy Asbury were determined to fight back and recover their money.

"We claimed in our lawsuit that Germania was involved in fraud in selling the notes to the customers," said Pitts, who filed the suit with St. Louis lawyer Frank Duda.

The two lawyers were later joined in the legal battle by two Alton area attorneys, John Dale Stobbs and Steve Stobbs.

"We and the note holders were like David fighting against the giant Goliath, the big government lawyers, in trying to recover the money," Steve Stobbs said.

"The banker told me: 'Mr. Asbury, you don't have to worry about your \$5,000. It's safe. Germania is 100 years old. Our bank is solid as the Rock of Gibraltar.'"

Ralph Asbury

After seven years of battling in court, the note-holders finally see light at the end of the tunnel.

On Nov. 13, U.S. District Judge Paul Riley approved a \$4.3 million final settlement for 800 note-holders against the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

The successful end to a seven-year legal battle also is a moral victory for the Asburys, who never gave up the fight.

"We'll get back about 58 percent of the money we lost, and we're happy," Ralph Asbury said. "In 1990, we

didn't think we'd ever get back a penny."

Mabel Dickson of Cahokia may receive about \$133,000 in the court settlement out of the \$229,000 she lost in 1990.

"I sold my restaurant and invested all the money in the Germania capital notes," Dickson said.

In 1989, Dickson was undergoing chemotherapy treatments for cancer.

"I didn't have insurance to cover the cancer treatments," she said. "I had planned to use the 11 percent interest on my Germania investment to pay for the treatments."

A Germania official assured Dickson that her \$229,000 was safe in the bank. But he didn't show her a financial report revealing that Germania was about to collapse.

Although she was "devastated" by the collapse, she said she was happy when Riley ruled she would recover about 58 percent of her money.

"It was one of the happiest days in my life," she said.

Frank Moore of Alton invested \$90,000 in the capital notes in Germania.

Most can give blood regularly

Some people may be unaware that they are eligible to donate blood.

When asked to donate, some people think they can't because they are taking medication, are too old or have high blood pressure. However, they often can give blood.

Blood donation is still possible for many people taking prescription and over-the-counter medicines, if they are healthy and meet all donor requirements. For example, those taking antibiotics as a preventative measure may still

give. Those taking antibiotics for infection should wait 48 hours after the last dose before donating blood.

The American Red Cross encourages prospective donors to ask about specific drugs before scheduling a donation.

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at CVM Realty Inc., 1735 Pontoon Road in Granite City.

You can donate if you:

- Have allergies and are symptom-free at the time of donation, even if on medication.

• Have taken aspirin/non-aspirin medication.

• Are on birth control.

• Have blood pressure at 180/100 or less, with or without medication.

• Have diabetes, and there has been no change in medication dosage in the two weeks prior to donating.

• Have had a flu shot.

• Are menstruating.

• Are taking Prozac, Tagamet or Zantac.

• Have had surgery and have been released to resume normal activity, provided you did not receive blood.

• Have not received a tattoo within the last 12 months.

• Are 16 or older.

• Weigh at least 110 pounds.

• Are in good health and feel well.

Donors should allow an hour for the donation process, from registration to refreshments. Donors are eligible to give whole blood every eight weeks.

Donations should be given to the American Red Cross.

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No profits

The person who said politics and money are nearly one and the same should think again. No one is going to profit by this in the Mitchell area. If you think Granite City is going to sit back and do nothing, think again. Taxes are almost double what they are out here in Mitchell.

Come to the incorporation meetings and find out the facts. Open your eyes and your ears before sounding off.

Leaf woes

I'm just disgusted with all of these leaves. I had nine trees cut down that gave me shade around the home. I had them cut down because they don't allow you to burn leaves. But I get them from both sides of the neighbors. So, where is a person supposed to go? Why don't they let a person burn the leaves for two hours at least once a week. Everybody has their windows closed when it's cold. There (is) nobody who will probably smell the smoke. Why can't they do that? Of course, this is creating a terrible problem. (The leaves) go in the gutters and they block up the sewers. I think something needs to be done.

About time for ban

I'm calling about the proposal to ban leaf burning in Collinsville. It's about time, if you ask me. There are too many people burning leaves. They burn them all day. They burn them through the night. During the nicer part of the day you think you can save a buck or so on your electric bill. But no, you have to shut your house up because you can't breathe because your neighbors are always burning and putting the smoke right through your house. You're a literal prisoner in your house while people are burning leaves. Not everyone can breathe this stuff. It's the same as smoking; you can't smoke in a covered place. The air is for everyone.

Therefore, I would gladly pay \$1.75 to have them haul this stuff away. It saves a lot of time. It saves a lot of money health-wise with what these people put out to the doctor for treatments for breathing this stuff. I say go for it, Collinsville.

To call the Journal "Sound Off" line, dial 277-9522 and leave your message. We won't print personal attacks or unfair criticism of individuals or businesses. Please keep your comments brief and reasonable.

COMMENTS FROM CAROL

Children continue to bear the burden

The recent trial of the 19-year-old British *au pair*, as well as the somewhat peculiar decision of the Massachusetts judge in the case, have raised some very legitimate concerns about our legal system, and certainly about the quality of child care in this country.

It should also activate a few questions about the news media and possibly about ourselves in terms of what catches and holds our interest, if only briefly, regarding what goes on in the world.

What standards are used to determine which news stories receive front page headlines and which are relegated to page 7? Why did Louise Woodward's trial deserve worldwide attention? Was it because she is British or because she was a participant in the *au pair* system?

Certainly she isn't the first child care provider to be accused to abuse or death of a charge. And rarely do they rate day-after-day television and newspaper front page coverage.

For that matter, why was 8-month-old Matthew Eappen's death, caused apparently by severe shaking, more appalling than any number of infants who have died from shaking, many at the hands of their own parents?

During the time frame between the jury's verdict in Cambridge and the judge's reduction of charge and freeing of Woodward based on the 27th day she served in *durance vile*, there were a couple of cases in our own area that merited far less attention.

In one, fortunately, the 5-month-old baby survived, although at the time the mother was charged, he was considered in only fair condition with five broken ribs, both lungs punctured, and evidence of earlier abuse in the form of fractures to both arms and a possible skull fracture. Both parents have been charged.

The mother, who like Woodward is 19, said she got a little rough with her infant son to stop him from crying.

That was on the Missouri side of the river. The same day, on this side, a man already serving a life sentence without possibility of parole



Carol Clarkin

after confessing to beating a 2-year-old to death, was charged in the death of a 3-month-old two years earlier. The man was 17 at the time of the child's death.

The judge in Massachusetts who set aside the jury's verdict of second degree murder and found Woodward guilty of manslaughter said he did so because, while he believed her guilty of the child's death, he also believed there was no evidence of malice. Proof of malice, I learned, would require showing that a reasonable person would have known that her action created a significant risk of death.

I'm not sure at what age one is assumed to be reasonable but in my book, it's surely long before 19, and I'm equally positive that by 15 or 16, we all know that beating, kicking and, yes, shaking an infant is going to cause considerable serious damage to the baby.

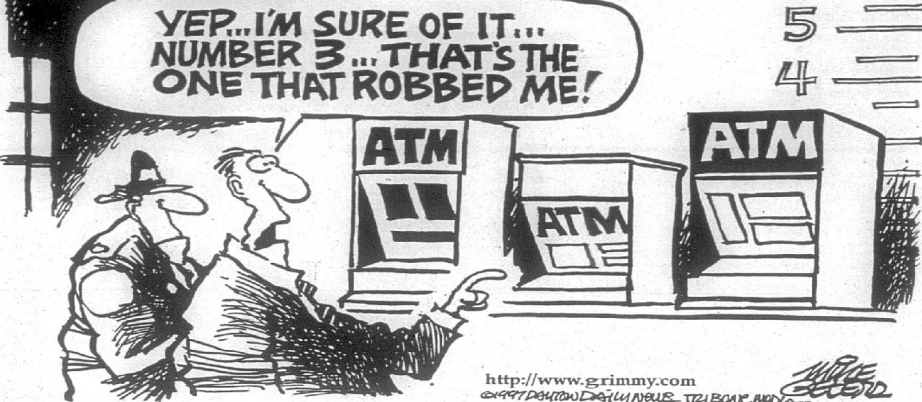
It's certainly not going to stop the child from crying. At least not until the baby is either unconscious or dead.

As worrisome as the media's seemingly callous gauge of what gimmick to use in determining what's worthy of headline concentration is the sneaky feeling that, somehow, we're becoming desensitized to all this violence suffered by children.

"How awful!" we say, and turn our attention to personal matters at hand. True, our society makes token demands for investigations, changes in our laws from cruder regulations. Committees are named and studies are made, but little changes.

Today's headlines become next week's history as even more horrific crimes against small children surface.

And we repeat, over and over, "How awful!" while the beat, and the beaten, goes on.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where were no-shows?

TO THE EDITOR:

Where was everyone on Veteran's Day?

A Veteran's Day program was held at the Greater Granite War Memorial on Sunday at 2 p.m. with, sad to say, with only about 13 people being present to give remembrance to our living and dead veterans in this area.

There were about 10 veterans in the color guard.

This day, set aside for our veterans, it seems comes and goes with very little recognition for their part in the wars to save democracy.

Many were wounded, lost parts of their bodies and suffered mental anguish from the terror of war.

There was one lone wreath placed at the war memorial by a veteran's organization. The speaker that day was a colonel, who had many battle ribbons on his uniform.

He was disappointed at the small amount of people present to honor our servicemen. Do veterans hold a special place in the hearts and minds of the public?

We hope the veterans will be honored and remembered for what they did for our country, and that local citizens would take a little time to show their respect and thoughtfulness for their local veterans on future Veteran Days.

Yours for the veterans:
STEVEN KONKOVICH
V.F.W., Granite City

Permanent waves

TO THE EDITOR:

To the devoted fans of WCBW, which recently discontinued christian music, there is another station in this area that plays the best of contemporary christian music every weekday from 6:45 to 9:30 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m.

In addition there are also informative programs. It is AM 850 KFVO.

A program guide is available by calling (800) 844-0524. So don't give up even though WCBW christian music is no longer available, AM 850 KFVO has great music among other things. Give it a try!

A devoted AM 850 KFVO listener:
JEAN TINDALL
Edwardsville

Abuse is abuse

TO THE EDITOR:

Animal abuse leads to violence toward humans.

If a child or teen hurts an animal, it requires immediate attention.

It's a red-flag situation with

a strong message. People who abuse animals often commit crimes — including rape and murder — against people.

Animal abuse is a serious crime and when judges let animal abusers off without punishment because it's just a cat or dog, they are letting criminals go free.

If you see or hear of any animal abuse, report it immediately to the police and humane society.

BETTY J. CARNAHAN
Belleville

Rallies for support

TO THE EDITOR:

Should Illinois workers have to compete with slave labor by the dictatorship in China?

Should decent Illinois businesses have to compete with prison businesses, mostly state-run in China, that use slave forced labor?

Should Illinois taxpayers hard-earned money go for purchase of goods made in political and religious prisons thereby undercutting their fellow Illinois workers and human rights?

If readers believe the answers, moral and economic, to the above questions is no, there is something they can do: They can urge their State Senator to support House Bill 1176.

House Bill 1176 would require vendors and contractors with the state government of Illinois to not knowingly purchase goods made by political and religious prisoners of the Chinese dictatorship.

This legislation, as this has already passed in California and Massachusetts.

This legislation is not anti-trade but instead strikes a blow for fair economic competition for Illinois workers and a blow on behalf of human rights in China.

As chief sponsor, I urge readers to call or write their state senator to support House Bill 1176.

Any readers wanting more information on this issue can write State Rep. Mike Boland, 605-17 Avenue, East Moline, IL 61244, or call me at 309-762-7171.

MIKE BOLAND
State representative
71st District.

Quick fix won't do

TO THE EDITOR:

conform with the newspaper's standards of style, punctuation, grammar and spelling. Letters containing libelous comments will not be used. The letter's tone or intention will not be changed.

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It never fails. Just when the legislature seems ready to at least discuss what is really wrong with public schools, some legislators trot out the perceived quick fix for all that's wrong with schools, the education bogeyman: tenure.

Once again, they imply that eliminating tenure will correct the shortcomings of Illinois' underfunded educational system.

And some go so far as to allege that tenure "practically assures teachers a lifetime of job security."

There have been only 43 dismissals cases involving tenured teachers in any year since 1991, despite the fact that the teacher population has remained consistently above 100,000 during that time.

So, if so few teachers have been identified by their school administrators as deserving of dismissal, why is so much attention given to tenure?

In other words, "Where's the beef?" We believe the only "beef" that exists is the cheap jorky being chewed by certain Illinois legislators eager to portray teacher tenure as root of all evil and a clever dodge to having to deal with the real education issue facing our state, fair school funding.

These simple-answers-to-complex-problems lawbenders have no idea of what goes on in our schools, no real frame of reference on which to base their often baseless decisions.

And, in the case of tenure — what it is or what it isn't — they purposely evade the truth when it is logically explained to them.

Clearly, their agenda is not school reform.

The truth is that tenure is simply a rule that ensures that teachers will not be fired with-

out a hearing. A dismissal hearing is simply an act of fairness and due process under the law.

Tenure allows outstanding teachers to remain in the profession without fear that a vindictive administrator will fire them capriciously, in effect destroying their career.

Tenure also gives teachers who have had problems in their profession an opportunity to improve.

School administrators are trained to evaluate tenured teachers and must do so at least every two years.

Administrators who follow the law and contractual stipulations can, and do, remove teachers who are unable to perform to a reasonable standard.

Without tenure, teaching would be a chancy and less attractive career choice for intelligent people of strong character, the people who should want to teach our children.

Current tenure rights protect teachers from wanton encroachments on their professional and private lives by the over zealous and those who take aim at education for all the wrong reasons.

Eliminating or drastically extending tenure will not help a single child learn to read. Cutting remediation time to a term that is impossible to meet is also not an answer to education's problems.

I challenge the General Assembly to ignore attempts to make teachers the scapegoats for the sins of an underfunded educational system and to give their full attention to sound, academically realistic ideas that will actually improve education for the children in our state.

BOB HAIMMAN
President
Illinois Education Association

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PEOPLE



Cub Scouts from Pack 122 in Granite City, and their Cubmaster Chris Gergen, plant a pear tree in front of the Colonnades Nursing Home. The trees were dedicated to the veterans who served this country; and planted as part of an afternoon spent remembering them on Veterans Day. The trees were donated by Schermer's Garden Shop.



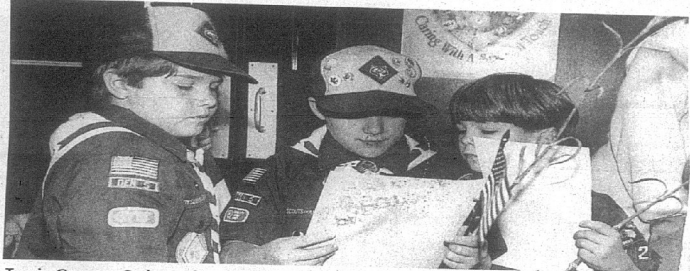
Veterans Gene Cooper and Marshall Wallace listen as the Cub Scout of Pack 122 thank them for their service.

Scouts pay homage on Veteran's Day

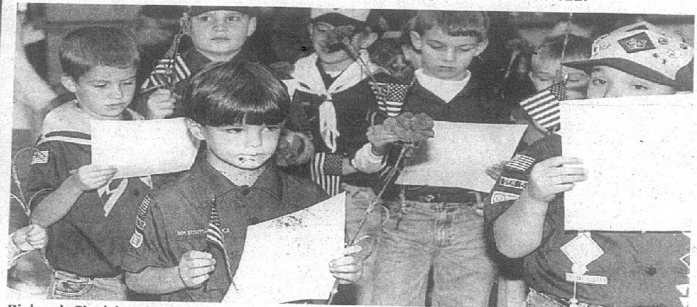
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Cody Ogden, 9, hands a flower and a flag to veteran Marshall Wallace at Colonial Care Center.



Travis Gergen, Cody Ogden and Richard Cigelske look over copies of the poem their Cub Scout Pack wrote for the veterans. The poem read, in part: "On this memorable Veterans Day we have come here to say ... to all those who served and survived ... Because of you, we all are free. Thank you from Cub Scout Pack 122."



Richard Cigelske, left in front, glances up while the other scouts in their pack read their poem.



At left, Pack 122 salutes one of the veterans they visited at Colonial Care Center on Veterans Day. The scouts passed out flowers and saluted veterans at two area nursing homes that day. Above, Wallace Goode receives a flower and flag from Tommy Batsios, 7, while cubmaster Chris Gergen watches.

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OBITUARIES

John Heath Sr.
JOHN H. HEATH SR., 83, of Granite City died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1987, at Elmwood Nursing Home in Marysville, Ill. He was a resident of Granite City for 78 years.

Mr. Heath was the minister for the Church of God since 1962. Survivors include his wife, Esther (Bona) Heath of Granite City; two sons, the Rev. James Heath of Madison and Glenn Heath of Granite City; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Lydia M. (Gladys) Heath; a daughter, Rachel Maxwell; and two sons, Charles Robert Heath and John Everett Heath Jr. Services will be at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, at Warner Chapel with the Rev. Eddie Linhart officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

Willie Griggs
WILLIE GRIGGS, 88, of Venice died at 11:32 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 1987, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. He was born in Macon, Miss., and resided in Granite City for 15 years. Mr. Griggs was employed by Madison Packing Company as a butcher for many years. He was a member of Jericho Lodge #120; Mt. Nebo

Missionary Baptist Church; superintendent of Sunday School; Baptist Training Union; President of the Griggses' Department; Trustee Board member and a member of the Deacons Board.

Survivors include his wife, Frankie Griggs; three brothers, Roy V. Griggs, David Griggs and Martin Griggs, all of Madison; one sister, Gloria Griggs of Brownsboro, Tenn.; numerous godchildren, nephews, nieces and other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 21, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in Madison. Services will be at 12 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the church with the Rev. Theodore M. Fogg officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Gardens Cemetery in Millstadt.

Nash Funeral Home in East St. Louis handled the arrangements.

Betty Page
BETTY (BARNETT) PAGE, 68, of Lovejoy died Sunday, Nov. 16, 1987, at St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis. She was born in Monmouth, Ill.

She was a member of Quin Chapel A.M.E. Church in Lovejoy. Survivors include her husband, Ernest Page Jr. of Lovejoy; a son, Ernest Page Jr. of East St. Louis; three grandchildren, Pamela Page of San Jose, Calif.; Joseph Page of Lewisville, Pa.; and three great-grandchildren. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at Nash Funeral Home in East St. Louis with the Rev. Leroy

Henry officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Garden Cemetery in Millstadt.

Robert Wetzel
ROBERT W. WETZEL, 70, of Granite City died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1987, at his home. He was born Sept. 29, 1921, in Granite City.

Mr. Wetzel was a World War II U.S. Army aviator. He was a life-long resident of Granite City and was employed by the Illinois Power and Light Company as a pipeline construction laborer, out of Laborers Local 387. He retired in 1976. He was a lifelong member of National Rifle Association and Country Gun Club. He was a member of the DAV Chapter 53 and a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Minnie (Wilson) Wetzel, whom he married Oct. 23, 1943, in Jackson, Miss.; three daughters, Mary Walter of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Nancy Nuts of Edwardsville; a son, Robert W. Wetzel of Metamora, Ill.; three sisters, Dorothy, Margaret and Jean Draves, both of Dothan, Ala.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Hardy and Mary Hannah (Wellington) Wetzel; and a sister, Margaret "Peggy" Runk. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at Thomas Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City. Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the funeral home with the Rev. Lewis Trotter officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Gardens Cemetery in Millstadt.

Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church General Fund.

Disaster agency seeks volunteer relief help

By Jason White
Staff writer

The Metro-East Disaster Support Agency is looking for volunteer disaster relief workers from Alorton, Brooklyn, Centerville, East St. Louis and Washington Park.

"There is not enough people to support the disaster relief needs," MEDSA Director Floyd Jack said. "During the floods of 1996 and 1997, the Red Cross had to call people out of town to provide the disaster relief effort."

MEDSA, which serves as a back-up to the St. Clair County Emergency Service Agency, is looking for 25 volunteers from each municipality.

"These individuals will serve and train as a citizen response organization that will provide trained people to work with local disaster coordinators," Jack said.

Each town and the MEDSA district coordinators will have up to 25 people assigned to them.

Jack said.

Volunteers will be trained by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the American Red Cross and mental health care professionals.

The response teams for each municipality will be led by a captain, two lieutenants and two teams of a sergeant and four workers. Volunteers must supply their own uniforms.

The qualifications for being a volunteer are:

- * Veterans who are former officers and non-commissioned officers;
- * Retired fire and police personnel;
- * Trained medical personnel such as physicians and registered nurses;
- * Former disaster relief workers and skilled construction workers.

For information call 261-2800 or write: Metro East Disaster Support Agency, 3002 Summit Ave., East St. Louis, Ill. 62205.

More law officers in county budget proposal

By Mary Brase
Telegraph staff writer

The Madison County Board will take a month to fine-tune a proposed \$81 million spending plan, up about 4.5 percent from the 1987 budget.

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The Animal Control Department and the county Juvenile Detention Home also will add employee each. The plan sets aside \$68,000 for capital projects.

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ments will have funds allocated at the existing service levels, he said.

Finance officials discussed the overall plan during a County Board study session Monday and answered specific questions from members.

Towers

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ous radio signal."

Station owners have yet to decide on a nighttime format, but there has been a market niche for Christian music since WCBW was bought out and switched to a rap format several months ago.

"It's a logical format for us to put on at night," Kaufman said.

Most of KXEN's programming is targeted at adults desiring to learn more about the Christian faith and a positive lifestyle.

KXEN's daytime format is Christian teaching, with both denominational styles and ethnic styles. For example, the station has a significant amount of urban broadcasting programs, and shows for Lutherans, Catholics and other audiences.

"We go for diversity," Kaufman said, explaining that each specific broadcasting niche.

The Federal Communications Commission licensed KXEN approximately 40 years ago. For the past 10 years, the station has been owned by local partners.

Papers will switch next week

For next week only, our papers are swapping delivery days.

The Wednesday Granite City Journal will be delivered on Thursday, Nov. 27, and the Press-Record will be sold on Wednesday, Nov. 26. The papers will resume their normal delivery days the following week.

Labor woes threaten Laclede

By Ande Yakatis
Telegraph staff writer

An uncertain labor situation at Laclede Steel Co. during union contract negotiations last month may contribute to losses in the fourth quarter, Laclede President and Chief Executive Officer John McKinney told stockholders Tuesday.

"After a review of costs incurred in October, it is now apparent that the effect the labor situation had on productivity was much worse than originally anticipated," McKinney said in a letter to stockholders. "Consequently, we now expect to report losses for the fourth quarter."

United Steelworkers Union Local 3643 President Terry Wooden said, however, that the company is wrong in blaming the expected losses on the union.

"Laclede spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on problems in the plant that had absolutely nothing to do with the labor situation," Wooden said.

Depending on the severity of

the losses, the 1997 year could end without a profit, McKinney told stockholders in his letter.

As a result, Laclede may need to amend its loan and security agreement with lenders related to operating results and net worth, he said.

He said that Laclede has no assurance that lenders would allow Laclede to amend the loan and security agreement, McKinney said.

"In the past, the company's lenders have been willing to agree to such modifications under similar circumstances," he told the stockholders.

The company and Steelworkers union signed a four-year contract in October ensuring job security for 700 union employees at the plant.

Under the new contract, Steelworkers will get a pay

increase and a raise in pension benefits.

During the first two weeks of October, steelworkers worked without a contract while they negotiated with the company.

During this period, the company incurred significant non-recurring expenses in preparation for a potential strike," McKinney told stockholders.

"While we were able to reach an agreement without a work stoppage, the uncertain situation resulted in poor productivity," he said.

Wooden said the labor situation should not be blamed for any losses at Laclede.

He said the union wants Laclede to be profitable, he said.

Wooden said the company hired "one of the highest-priced security firms for plant security."

FUNERAL SUMMARY

Gladys Anderson
GLADYS M. (MRS.) ANDERSON, 89, a longtime resident of National City, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1987, at Sonoma, Calif., after a brief illness. She was born May 28, 1908, in Franklin County, Va.

Services were Monday, Nov. 17, at the funeral home with the Rev. David Tyler officiating. Burial was in National Cemetery in Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Timothy W. Dilbeck
TIMOTHY W. DILBECK, 36, DuPont died Sunday, Nov. 2, 1987, at St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis. He was born Sept. 2, 1951, in St. Louis.

Private cremation was held. Arrangements were handled by Braun Colonial Funeral Home in Cahokia.

Carol Franklin
CAROL A. (NIEPERT) FRANKLIN, 53, of Granite City died at 8:10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 1987, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. She was born Jan. 19, 1944, in Granite City.

Services were Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Irwin Chapel with the Rev. Don Seft officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Friends of the Library.

Irma V. Green
IRMA V. (ISHAM) GREEN, 83, of Belleville died Sunday, Nov. 9, 1987, at Irwin Chapel with the Rev. Don Seft officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Services were Thursday, Nov. 13, at Kurus Funeral Home in Belleville with the Rev. Father James Zachman officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

William F. Johnson
WILLIAM F. JOHNSON, 18, of Austin, Texas, formerly of Granite City, died at 6:15 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 1987, at St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

Arrangements are being handled by the family in Austin, Texas. Memorials are suggested to the family in care of Yvonda Isaac, 2251 Grand Ave., Granite City, 62040.

Lester Milam
LESTER LEO MILAM, 60, of Granite City died at 11:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, 1987, in Granite City. He was born July 29, 1929, in Bear Spring, Tenn.

Services were Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Irwin Chapel with the Rev. Don Seft officiating. Burial was in Woodland Hill Cemetery in East Alton.

William Moreland
WILLIAM H. MORELAND, 58, of Granite City died at 3:45 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17, 1987, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center. He was born Dec. 12, 1928, in Virginia.

Services were Wednesday, at Warner Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Smith officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials are suggested to the family.

Thomas Parmer
THOMAS PARMER, 36, of Granite City died at 11:27 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, 1987, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City. He was born Jan. 12, 1951, in St. Louis.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Warner Chapel with the Rev. Jerry Liebel officiating. Memorials are suggested to the family in care of Warner Chapel.

Peyton Pavia
PEYTON LEE PAVIA, 64, of Mitchell died at 8:13 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1987, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center emergency room. He was born Nov. 16, 1922, in St. Louis.

Services were Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the funeral home with the Rev. Henry Crispin officiating. Burial was in Friedens Cemetery in St. Louis County.

Petronilla Povilat
PETRONILLA (JELLEN) POVILAT, 77, of Collinsville died at 3:37 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, 1987, at her home. She was born May 29, 1910, in Glen Carbon.

Services were Monday, Nov. 17, at Herr Funeral Home in Collinsville with the Rev. Donald Sabbert officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Collinsville.

Memorials are suggested to St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

John Wachter
JOHN A. WACHTER, 90, of Arthur, Ill., formerly of Granite City, died Saturday, Nov. 15, 1987, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, Ill., following a three-year illness. He was born Nov. 13, 1907, in Granite City.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. today, Nov. 20, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, 2300 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Tom Liebler officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials are suggested to St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

Alfred Venditto
ALFRED "FRITZ" VENDITTO, 81, of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City for most of his lifetime, died at 2:10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, 1987, at Oliver Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He was born Dec. 28, 1906, in Granite City.

Services were Monday, Nov. 17, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, 2300 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Tom Liebler officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

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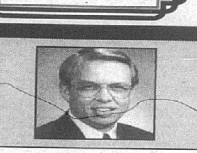
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In this case, the driver was stopped initially because his license plates had expired. He apparently had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. The driver acknowledged that he had had some drinks earlier.

The officer requested him to exit his vehicle and perform two sobriety tests. The police officer then informed the defendant that he would be cited for DUI, and he asked the driver if he wished to take a breathalyzer test. The defendant refused to take the test, and the officer informed him of the consequences of this refusal.

The police officer gave the driver a written notice of the statutory summary suspension of his driving privileges. Illinois law provides that the suspension shall take effect on the 46th day after the notice is given. He was advised ten days later in a confirmation letter that he had the right to request a judicial hearing on the summary suspension by filing a petition with the circuit court clerk.

The defendant filed a petition for hearing, and asked the Court to determine whether he had been lawfully placed under arrest. He also sought a determination as to whether the arresting officer had reasonable grounds to believe that he was driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. The defendant presented four witnesses who had been dining with him during the evening. They testified that the driver did not have a heavy odor of alcohol about him, and that he was not under the influence of alcohol. All of this was in direct conflict with the testimony of the arresting officer.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the trial court chose to believe the testimony of the arresting officer and ordered that the summary suspension be upheld. Therefore, the driver in this case had his license suspended for a period of six months for refusing the breathalyzer test. However, the trial court granted the defendant a judicial driving permit which allowed the defendant to drive for limited purposes except for the first 30 days of the suspension.

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FAMILY

Livingston-
50 years

Phillippe Welsh and Beth Scherrills

Nicol —
40 years

Kenny and Nelly Nicol celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at a party given by their daughter and son-in-law, Jason and Carla Jackson.

The couple has three sons, Ken, John, and Bruce, and a daughter, Carla. They have 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The couple were married on June 19, 1957.

Mr. and Mrs.
Archie Hogan
Hogan-
50 years

Archie and Anne Hogan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family Nov. 3, 1997.

Mr. Hogan and the former Anne Kator were married Nov. 3, 1947, in Pickett, Ark.

He is retired from Laclede Steel Company and enjoys bowling. She is a homemaker and enjoys bowling also. They are members of Third Baptist Church.

They are the parents of two daughters, Kathleen Cochran of Granite City and Taffa Perryman of Belleville. There are five grandchildren.

Scherrills
— Welsh

Beth M. Scherrills, daughter of James and Patricia Scherrills of Granite City, and Phillippe Welsh, son of Samuel and Barbara Welsh of Ishpeming, Mich., and Jerry and Claude Kelly of Midlothian, Va., have announced their engagement.

Scherrills of Collinsville, a 1987 graduate of Granite City High School, a 1991 graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville with a bachelor of science degree, and a 1994 graduate of SIUE with a master of science degree, is employed by Belleville Area Special Services Cooperative in Belleville as a school psychologist.

Welsh, a 1987 graduate of Triad High School, and a 1993 graduate from SIUE with a bachelor of science degree, is employed by Cassens Transport Company in Edwardsville as a systems administrator and data base administrator.

A January 10, 1998, wedding at St. Peter and Paul Church in Collinsville is being planned.

Submitting
articles

Items for the family pages, which include clubs, churches, scouts, and social events, may be directed to the Press-Record/Journal at 1315 Delmar Ave., Granite City, Ill. 62040. There is no charge.

Pictures are welcome, but please DO NOT submit the only copy you have of a picture.

Please TYPE all articles, and keep them brief. The paper reserves the right to edit all submitted materials for grammar, spelling and length.

Bennett and Jeanette Livingston of Granite City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 11, 1997, with a reception hosted by their children at the First United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Bennett and the former Jeanette Steirs were married Oct. 14, 1947, at First Presbyterian Church in Granite City with the Rev. A. Ralph Lynn officiating.

He retired from Livingston Oil Company after 25 years of service. Mrs. Jeanette Livingston retired from Livingston Oil Company also.

They are the parents of four children, Terry, Gene, and Dale Livingston, all of Granite City, and Mary Livingston of Fort Worth.

There is one grandchild.

Advent party set for Dec. 9

Ladies Sodality of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church held its regular monthly meeting on Sept. 23, in the school cafeteria, with 49 members present.

Marilyn Schooley, president, called the meeting to order. Secretary Cleo Schneck read the minutes and Treasurer Berta Milianis gave the treasurer's report. Dolores Moseley from Church Women United talked about the Crop Walk on Oct. 19. Pat Loftus talked about gourmet pie sales and the Holiday Bazaar.

Jan Polach, trip chairperson, discussed the trip to Carthage, Mo., to four historical sites and the Precious Moments Center. She also explained a Magic of the Seasons trip she is planning for November or December.

Plans are being made for the annual Advent Party and Installation on Dec. 9. The dinner will be hosted by the eighth grade mothers and chaired by Mary Elmerich and Cheryl Mang.

The Christmas Dinner Dance this year is at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Dec. 13. Everyone in the parish is invited to come and tickets will be on sale soon.

Attendance prize was won by Florence Moore. Pot of Gold was won by Jan Polach, Madonna by Bootsie Schrenk, and quilt of the month by Christy Hagnauer. After the meeting, refreshments were served by the hostesses: Dorothy Kelly, Olga Trian, Agnes Kelahan, Eleanor Minnick, and Ann Miller.

County Salon 53 holds meeting

Madison County Salon 53, Eight and Forty, held its meeting on Oct. 21 at the New Douglas American Legion Home. Hostesses were Irene Schneck, Judy Zimmerman, Zerna Harmon, Marjorie Rosenthal and Geraldine Tjaden. Seventeen partners enjoyed lunch together.

Business meeting was conducted by Wanda Taylor, Chapeau. All officers were present.

Dorothy Sooy, Children and Youth chairman, reminded all to bring pillows to the November meeting for Gateway Cystic Fibrosis children.

Zella Ende, Finance chairman, presented bills to be paid. The attendance prize was won by Wanda Taylor.

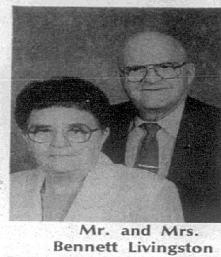
Irene Schneck, Nurses Scholarship chairman, collected \$8.25 for this fund.

Zerna Harmon, L.A. Conclerger, reported all partners wearing red and white and their 8 and 40 pins.

Frances Elbeck, Pouvour members, announced eight partners will be attending the Fall Pouvour in Galesburg.

Partners donated to both extra funds. Campership funds are collected at each meeting for Camp Superkids held each year in July.

Following the meeting, bingo Those attending from this area were: Mary Baillentine, Frances Cowley, Norma Hillmer and Dorothy Hinson.

Mr. and Mrs.
Bennett Livingston

David Livingston of Tacoma, Washington.

The family wishes to thank all the family and friends who attended the reception and helped to make their day a special one.

Nicol — Jackson

Carla Ann Nicol and Jason Eric Jackson were married May 10, 1997, at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Fred Boatright officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Nelly Nicol of Granite City.

The groom is the son of Mike and Renee Crouch of Pontoon Beach.

The bride is a 1985 graduate of Granite City High School and is employed by National Steel-Granite City Division, as a schedule clerk.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Granite City High School and is employed by Dietz Construction in Edwardsville as a carpentry foreman.

The maid of honor was Nelly Nicol, mother of the bride.

Bride's maids were Jodi Ennis, Melissa Siner, Karen Springman, and Stacie Hamilton, all friends of the bride, and Sherry Nicol, sister-in-law of the bride.

The best man was Jeff Thomas, friend of the groom.

The groomsmen were Gregg Griggs, Matt Shemwell, and Scott Nomm, all friends of the groom, and Bruce and Kenny Nicol, brothers of the bride.

The first of two wedding receptions was held at the home of the bride.

The second reception was held at the home of the groom.

After a wedding trip to Maui and Maui, Hawaii, the couple reside in Granite City.



Carla and Jason Jackson

The miniature bride was Toree Ennis, daughter of a friend.

The miniature groom was Zachary Shemwell, son of a friend.

Ushers were Brian Palmisano of Granite City and Brian Proffitt of Glen Carbon, both friends of the groom.

A reception was held at Amvets Hall.

After a wedding trip to Maui and Maui, Hawaii, the couple reside in Granite City.

College offers scholarships

Illinois College will offer more than \$250,000 in merit scholarships to high school seniors who participate in the college's annual honor scholarship competition.

The first of two scholarship test dates has been set for Dec. 6.

The merit scholarships are designed to underwrite a student's tuition expenses for the next four years, said Illinois College Admissions Director Rick Bystri.

The competition on IC's Jacksonville campus includes an essay exam and a round of interviews for each candidate. A second test date will be held Feb. 7.

Several trustee scholarships, each valued at more than \$38,000 over four years, will be awarded to the top participants, while several other contestants will be awarded half-tuition alumni scholarships, each valued at more than \$19,000. The college will also award a number of tanner scholarships, which have a four-year value of more than \$13,000.

The program, now in its 11th year, typically attracts more than 150 talented high school seniors from across Illinois and the Midwest.

Candidates who plan to take the exam Dec. 6 are encouraged to register before Nov. 26.

The IC Admissions Office can be reached at (217) 245-3030 or 1-888-596-3030.

To qualify, contestants must have scored 27 or higher on the ACT exam or 1200 or higher on the SAT and rank in the top half of their class; or rank in the top 10 percent of their class and have a minimum ACT score of 20 or a minimum SAT of 950.

There is no fee to participate, but students must complete an IC admission form.

Each test date will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m., followed by the essay exam at 10:30 a.m. The college will also conduct a program for parents featuring information about financial aid and other services available to all Illinois College students.

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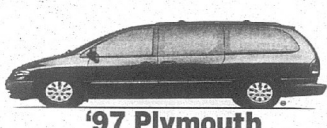
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Section B
Thursday, November 20, 1997

Warriors loaded for run at state success

Eight returning all-SWC selections solidify lineup

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

They are ranked second in the state in preseason polls. They return eight all-conference selections from last year's squad, including one second-place finisher at state.

They are among the most power-laden teams in Illinois, facing perhaps the toughest schedule in the state. They are the Granite City High School wrestling Warriors.

Coach Mike Garland's grapplers are coming off their sixth consecutive season without a regular season dual meet loss, going 27-1 last year with a bitter 23-22 defeat at the hands of Aurora Waubesa Valley in the IHSA Boys Dual Team Wrestling State Tournament.

Putting it mildly, the Warriors are loaded.

Back on the mat for the upcoming season are senior Adame Dunnivant (30-11), who wrestled at 112 pounds last year; senior Matt Werner (32-15) who fought at 130 pounds; Junior Brooks Narvaez (32-10), at 140 pounds; senior Jonas Janek (40-12), at 145 pounds; sophomore George Kirgan (39-12), at 171 pounds; senior John Kelly (31-16), at 125 pounds; senior Ike Newman (26-18), at 160 pounds; and Kevin Venne (37-8), who placed second at state in the 189-pound class.

On paper, there is enough

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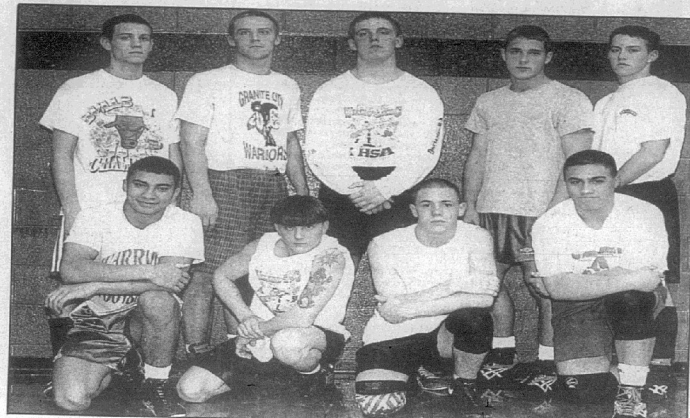
talent and experience to spark talk of a possible dual team state championship.

But Garland is cautious. "We have a great deal of experience and a great deal of potential," said Garland, in his 11th year as the Warriors coach. "But it has been like that for most of the 1990s. We've had success, but sometimes we need our kids who wrestled last year to really step forward for us. And we need some new kids to step in to be."

"Dual Team tournaments are won by your average kids," Garland continued. "Your good kids will win. The difference is the average kids. The difference is often a sleeper in your system who steps up at the end of the year, like (Ryan) Worthen did for us last year. We need that again this year if we are going to be successful, if we are going to do more than simply get to state."

Just getting there is not our goal. In the quest to get over the hump and into the state title hunt, Garland has strengthened an already strong schedule by dropping the Francis Howell Tournament and entering the Warriors in the prestigious Morton Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 10.

"It's not that they have better wrestling up north," explained Garland. "It's just that they have more great wrestlers. There are seven sectionals up there, to only one down here. To meet as many



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

Leading the Granite City wrestling team are returning all-conference selections (from left to right): In front — Brooks Narvaez, Adame Dunnivant, John Kelly, George Kirgan; In back — Matt Werner, Ike Newman, Kevin Venne, Jonas Janek and Ryan Worthen.

good teams as possible, you must go north. We've added Morton to our schedule, knowing that it will make us better wrestlers for the regional and sectional."

Granite City will also participate in the Springfield Tournament (Dec. 20) as well as the Geneseo Tournament (Jan. 16-17), one of the premier wrestling events in America. The Warriors also face dual meet challenges from Edwardsville (Dec. 5), Belle-

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Countdown is on: GCHS closes on 1,000 wins

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Twenty-four and counting. History will be made during the 1997-98 high school wrestling season when Granite City High School wins its 24th dual meet of the year.

This is the mark which will give the Warriors their 1,000th dual meet win in school history.

No other team in the state can make that boast. Few, if any, in the nation have reached such heights of success.

John Gillis is chief statistician with the National Federation of State High School Associations based in Kansas City, Mo.

"Career dual meet wins is a category we have not kept records for," said Gillis. "But knowing what I do know, my best guess is that Granite City High School will probably be the first school in America to pick up win No. 1,000. I can't think of any other school that would challenge them for that mark."

The Warriors stand 97-146-10 through 64 years of competition (1934-97). That's an average record of 15 dual meet

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Opener is a breeze: Warriors freeze Stars

Scott's natural hat trick lifts Granite to good start

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors opened Mid-States Club Hockey Association play Monday night with a 6-2 thrashing of McCluer North before a delighted home crowd at the Wilson Park Ice Rink.

Bobby Scott picked up a natural hat trick, netting the first three goals of the game as the Warriors jumped to a 4-0 lead and coasted the rest of the way.

Scott scored at the 10-minute mark of the first period off assists from Bobby Harris and Bobby Pritchard to give Granite a 1-0 lead. But it was Scott's second goal of the period which brought the crowd to its feet and broke the back of the Stars.

Pritchard won the face-off and sent the puck back to Scott, whose slap shot past a screened goalie gave the Warriors a 2-0 lead with only 32 seconds left in the period.

"That was a beautiful goal," said Granite City coach Dave Yurkovich. "We have worked a lot on that — getting in position, screening the goalie, getting the shot — and it paid off in a big way."

Scott picked up his third straight goal at the 13:34 mark of the second period,

CLUB ICE HOCKEY MID-STATES GRANITE CITY 6, McCLUER NORTH 2

faking past his defender and waltzing in on goal unchecked. There was nothing the McCluer North keeper could do but watch as Scott buried the puck in the net for a 3-0 Warriors advantage.

The margin grew to 4-0 with 4:34 remaining in the period when Todd McQueen and Ty Suhre charged the net on a two-on-one break. Suhre went to his right, taking the defender with him, as the goalie guarded the near post and kept his eye on the player with the puck. But Suhre made a spectacular cross-ice pass to McQueen who was slicing down the center of the ice. McQueen one-timed a low liner past the out-of-position keeper.

"That particular play demonstrated what we have been working on and trying to get our kids to do to get ready for the season," said Yurkovich. "We've been working on puck control, on working the puck back to the middle, on keeping our passes and shots low. All of that came together on that play."

Down 4-0 North rallied in the last three minutes of the second period, scooting a

pair of shots past goalie Brian Reese to cut the margin to 4-2.

"Things slowed down a bit in the second period," Yurkovich explained. "We broke down a bit defensively."

The Warriors, who outshot the Stars 11-1 in the first period, managed only a 7-7 draw in the second. But Granite City came out hot again in the final period, putting 17 shots on goal to only four for McCluer North, and picking up another pair of goals.

Harris assisted Pritchard on a score at 11:14 and Suhre took a splendid pass from Scott at 2:33 to finish the scoring.

It was a big night for Scott, who had three goals and an assist, and a big night for the Granite defense as well. "Our defense did a very good job," Yurkovich said. They cleared the puck from the goal area, they iced the puck when they needed to, they killed penalties. I was very pleased with their performance, especially the performance of Bobby Scott. But it was a great all-around effort by our entire defense."

"We've been kind of hot and cold in our preseason practices, but I thought we looked OK tonight," added Yurkovich.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

Bobby Pritchard had two assists and scored a goal in Granite City's 6-2 victory Monday night.

Opening ouch!

Oros paces Redbirds in hammering of East St. Louis

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The East St. Louis Flyerettes outscored DoBee Oros 30-23 Tuesday night in the opening round of the Alton Classic round robin basketball tournament.

The problem was DoBee Oros is just one member of the Alton Redbirds, a team that exploded for 74 points against East St. Louis.

Forty-four of Alton's points came off a devastating full-court press which forced the Flyerettes into 30 turnovers — most of them in the first half.

The Redbirds jumped to a 21-10 first quarter lead, but it was the second quarter when the press began to click. East Side handed the bouncing Alton guards ball after ball during the second frame, and found themselves down 30-15 at intermission.

Bench players took it from there for the Redbirds. The Flyerettes sorely missed the inside size and strength of a graduated Latricia Mosby, but one person would have made little difference on this night.

Sharing Conrad, a daring and determined point guard who played her heart out in a losing effort, topped the East St. Louis offense with 13 points. Riquita Mathes contributed nine. Only two other Flyerettes scored.

GIRLS BASKETBALL ALTON CLASSIC ALTON 74, EAST ST. LOUIS 30

For the Redbirds, Oros had a game-high 23 points, followed by Robin Hickman with 11. In all, 10 players scored for Alton.

Once the Flyerettes succeeded in working the ball to their end of the court, they could not hit the hoop with any consistency. The Redbirds held a 63-18 scoring edge in field goals alone.

Despite the final 44-point margin of victory, Alton coach Terry Mitchell was not running up the score. Mitchell used all 15 players on the night, pulling the press in the second half and holding only a 24-15 advantage over the last 16 minutes.

Both teams again see action tonight as the round-robin tournament continues.

Meanwhile, the East St. Louis Tigerettes received 18 points from Keisha Cole and 11 more from Rita Adams to beat host Carrollton 50-43 on Tuesday.

Lincoln's defense put the clamps on the home team the middle two periods, outscoring the Hawks over the middle two quarters after Carrollton had taken a 15-11 lead after eight minutes.

The girls of Charles McDonald travel to Peoria Manual for a 7:30 p.m. contest Friday.



Regional champs

Members of the Granite City girls volleyball team celebrate after winning the Class AA Alton Regional championship this past fall. The team started the season slowly but came on strong down the stretch, staging a pair of upsets in Class AA regional action before giving a strong Highland team a run for its money in the sectional semifinals. Said first-year coach Beth Seel: "Our record (11-20) doesn't indicate it, but I believe we have had a successful year."

SIUE-Edwardsville shoots for spot in GLVC upper division

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

An appearance in the Great Lakes Valley Conference postseason tournament may not seem like that lofty of a goal for the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville men's basketball team and coach Jack Margenthaler as the Cougars prepare for the opening of the 1997-98 campaign.

But only seven of the conference's 12 teams will participate in the first postseason tournament in the GLVC, which has shown over the last several years to be one of the premier leagues in NCAA Division II.

"In the last four years, a member of our conference has either won the NCAA Division II tournament or was a runner-up," Margenthaler said. "Four years three teams — Southern Indiana, Kentucky Wesleyan and Northern Kentucky — are ranked in the preseason top 10."

Margenthaler would be quite pleased if his team can finish in the top half in such a strong league.

The Cougars come off of a disappointing 11-16 season in 1996-97.

"I thought we would be better," said Margenthaler, who will be starting his sixth year as the head coach at SIUE. "We lost a lot of close games last season. I'm a firm believer that if you win your close games you'll have a good season and if you lose them you won't. We were competitive in every game last season. We just didn't win many of the close ones."

SIUE showed what it was capable of during the regular season when it upset Indianapolis, which had been the top-ranked team in Division II for about six weeks and was ranked third at the time of the Cougars' upset victory.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The big question coming into this season for SIUE is who will take up the scoring slack for the departed Jason Holmes. Holmes, a shooting guard, was a four-year starter for the Cougars and left as the all-time leading scorer at SIUE.

"You don't replace a guy like Jason," Margenthaler said. "We will miss him."

The Cougars also lost power forward Ronny Henderson, but they do return several players with starting experience and have a pair of very talented junior college transfers who will be of immediate help.

One of those junior college transfers, Alan Berry, will likely play the two guard in place of Holmes. Berry, from Lebanon, originally signed out of high school to Cincinnati and comes to the Cougars from Vincennes (Ind.) Junior College.

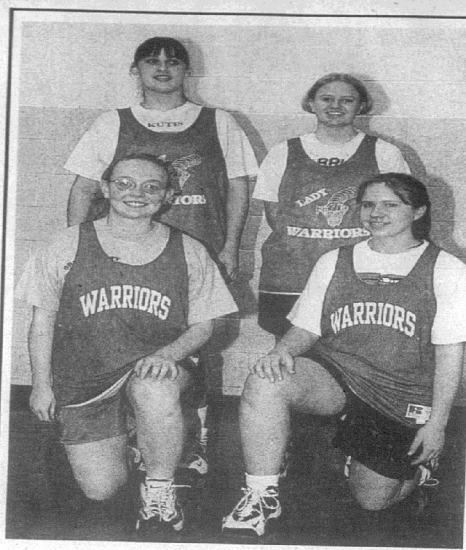
"Alan is an excellent shooter who can create his own shot," Margenthaler said.

The other top newcomer is 6-foot-4 forward Tommy Shum, who transferred from Collins Community Junior College in Plano, Texas. He originally signed out of high school to Louisiana Tech.

Four seniors return who saw starting time last season. Marlon Clark (6-0) and Shaun Smoot (5-11) believe in experience and leadership from the point guard spot while Nathan Kreke and Rusty Sarnes, both 6-7, are back with starting experience in the frontcourt.

Travis Wallbaum, a 6-7, 240-pound sophomore, will play in the middle and is counted on for his defense and rebounding. He started off and on with the Cougars as a freshman last season.

The Cougars open the 1997-98 season at home Saturday when they host Truman State.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Ready to play

The Granite City girls basketball team opened the 1997-98 girls basketball season Wednesday night with a non-conference game at Wood River. The Lady Warriors are coming off a 1-20 season in 1996-97. Leading the Warriors this winter will be (from left to right): In front — Anna Tapp and Kara Coleman. For coverage of Wednesday night's season opener, see Sunday's Journal.

Point producer

In his fifth season with the St. Louis Ambush, Reiniger has established himself in the NPSL

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Joe Reiniger has arrived in the National Professional Soccer League.

Reiniger is in his fifth season as a member of the St. Louis Ambush and is considered one of the top players in the entire NPSL.

Last year, his peers in the league voted him to his first NPSL all-star team. He finished the 1996-97 season with a career-best 174 points.

"I think I have established myself in the league," said Reiniger, who turns 27 on Dec. 7. "I made the all-star team last year. I have been consistently in the top five to 10 in the league. As far as scoring and contributing in that manner, yeah, I think I am one of the premier scorers in the league."

"What I have tried to work on as far as becoming more of a complete player, I try to work as hard as I can on defense and being a two-way player — not only score goals but try and step up opportunities for other to score. That has been my main concern. I feel like I can get 170 or 180 points every year as long as I play in the same amount of games. I have played in 39 of the 40 games the last two years."

Dr. Abraham Hawatmeh, president and chief executive officer for the Ambush, knows how valuable Reiniger has become to his team and in the league.

This past summer, Hawatmeh said, "I can't say this very loudly, but I think he is the best player on the team. Also, he is the person that will cry when we lose. He will be the person that looks at me and says, 'Doctor, I really tried.' He is a very special person. Ownership has a couple of players that are very close to their hearts and Joe is one of them."

Reiniger is a big reason why the Ambush are off to such a quick start this season. In a 4-0

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opening run, Reiniger accounted for 17 points, second best on the team.

Reiniger was eager to start the 1997-98 season and his early success proves it. He spent the summer working at the Ambush youth soccer camps and then spent the early part of the fall with the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville men's soccer team. He was named the Cougars assistant coach before the start of the season.

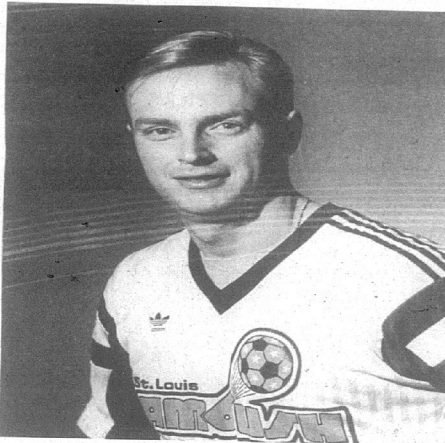
"I think, helping out with SIUE, I went into (Ambush) training camp in better shape than I ever have," said Reiniger, who stands among the top all-time scorers at SIUE. "It seems like every year, I have had little injuries, and every year they seem to be at the beginning of the season. Whether that is because I am not completely fit or what, I'm hoping that being in shape this year at the beginning of training will help and I think it has."

Reiniger has some extra incentive to having another 170-plus point season again. He is in the third and final year of his contract with the team.

A big year could mean a fatter contract.

"As long I do what I have done in the last couple of years, this is fine," Reiniger said. "If I would have a real bad year, then obviously that is going to hurt my contract. You know how the owner feels about me. It's not like he doesn't like me as a person or a player. I'm not really worried about getting traded or anything. It is just a matter of if he is willing or if I am willing to play for the amount he is willing to pay."

"If not, if we can't come to some sort of an agreement... I'd like to stay at home and play, but I'm not opposed to going away to play if I have



St. Louis Ambush soccer player Joe Reiniger has been among the leading scorers in the National Professional Soccer League in recent seasons and was an all-star selection last year.

to. The first few years of my professional career are over and that was kind of like the fun years. Now I have established myself it is time to start making a living out of it."

PREP SPORTS STANDINGS

METRO EAST HOCKEY									
Southern Division					Northern Division				
Team	Conf	Overall	GF	GA	Team	Conf	Overall	GF	GA
Granite City	0-0	1-0	5	1	Alton	0-0	1-0	5	1
Alton	0-0	1-0	4	1	Wood River	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Belleville West	0-0	1-0	4	1	Pratt	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Cahokia	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Freeburg	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
O'Fallon	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Besse C.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Collinsville	0-0	0-1	1	5	Carlyle	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Belleville East	0-0	0-1	1	4	Marissa	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
					Red Bud	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
					Wescinn	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
					Lebanon	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
					New Athens	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

GIRLS HOOPS STANDINGS

Southwestern Conference			
Team	Conf	Overall	Record
Alton	0-0	0-0	0-0

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GCHS wrestling Challenge Bouts set for Saturday

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The Granite City High School wrestling team will conduct its annual "Challenge Bouts" in the gym annex Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

The public is invited.

There is no cost.

The Challenge Bouts provide a quick preseason look at the warriors, who are ranked second in the state and potentially will contend for the IHSAA dual team state tournament in February.

Soccer tourney II

The sixth annual Murphy Sporting Goods/Sprite Christmas Soccer tournament begins Dec. 15 at Dellwood (Mo.) Soccer Complex.

SPORTS

Lineup set for 10th annual showdown

Special to the Journal

Missouri and Illinois police officers and firefighters will meet in the boxing ring for the 10th time on Wednesday at the Kiel Center in downtown St. Louis.

The "Guns and Hoses" St. Louis Metro Budweiser Boxing Showdown will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The 10th annual event features police officers and firefighters from departments throughout the metropolitan area in at least 17 bouts.

The Showdown benefits the St. Louis Backstoppers.

Preliminary pairings include police officers from the Madison County Sheriff's Department and Alton Police Department in Illinois, and the Missouri departments of St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Ferguson, Beverly Hills, Hazelwood, Gravois Park, Maryland Heights, O'Fallon, Sullivan and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department.

Firefighters in preliminary pairings are from the Mitchell, Granite City, Edwardsville and Glen Carbon departments in Illinois, as well as the Missouri fire departments of St. Louis City, Community, Metro West, Affton, Pattonville, Richmond Heights, University City, St. Charles and O'Fallon.

Tickets are \$25, \$20 and \$15 and may be purchased by call-

AMATEUR BOXING

ing (314) 351-8214, a 24-hour ticket hotline, or by mail.

A team of police officers (guns) will square off with a team of firefighters (hoses).

The police team won last year's Showdown (11 bouts to nine) before a record crowd of 10,427. The event raised \$57,000 for the Backstoppers, bringing for the nine-year total of funds raised to more than \$350,000.

Participants are matched by age, weight and boxing experience. Two women's matches will also be featured.

The St. Louis Backstoppers is a 1,000-member organization which assists the families of police officers or firefighters who lose their lives in the line of duty in St. Louis City and the Missouri counties of St. Charles, Franklin, Jefferson and St. Louis.

Mike Shanahan Sr., chairman of Engineers Systems, Inc., is the current Backstoppers' president.

The Showdown was created and is sponsored by Jerry Clinton and Grey Eagle Distributors, the St. Louis County wholesaler of Anheuser-Busch products.

Hal Richardson, Backstoppers' Executive Director, said the organization provides victims' families with immediate

and long-term financial aid, including paying current debts, assisting with mortgages and with children's educational expenses.

Myrl Taylor, a member of the National Golden Gloves Hall of Fame, is the Showdown director, and Jack Martorelli is the assistant director. Steve Holley is president of the St. Louis Amateur Boxing Association which is serving as the Showdown promoter.

Information about the Showdown is on the Backstoppers' Internet web site at www.backstoppers.com.

Pairings for the event (Firefighters listed first in each bout, police officers second):

• Larry LeMaster, Granite City Fire Department, vs. Marion Montelone, St. Louis County Police Department.

• Bob Stevens, Mitchell Fire Department, vs. Vernon Zelch, Sullivan (Mo.) Police Department.

• Troy Schneider, Richmond Heights (Mo.) Fire Department, vs. Tim Silver, St. Louis County Police Department.

• Laurie Juengel, University City (Mo.) Fire Department, vs. Laurie Lamezyk, St. Louis Police Department.

• Derrick Brown, St. Louis Fire Department, vs. Shawn McCough, Ferguson (Mo.) Police Department.

• Dan Picarella, Glen Car-

bon Fire Department, vs. William Vize, St. Louis Police Department.

• Eddie Futch, Mitchell Fire Department, vs. James Tashner, Hazelwood Police Department.

• Mary Jane McDermott, Community Fire Protection District (Mo.), vs. Nancy Caddenhead, St. Louis County Police Department.

• Chris Zang, Metro West Fire Protection District (Mo.), vs. Al Adams, Alton Police Department.

• Dedrick Harris, St. Louis Fire Department, vs. Mark Biandolino, St. Louis Police Department.

• Rich Granda, St. Louis Fire Department, vs. Cesar Rivera, Lincoln County (Mo.) Sheriff's Department.

• Dave Kruse, Metro West Fire Protection District (Mo.), vs. Joe Potter, O'Fallon (Mo.) Police Department.

• Gregory Dickson, St. Louis Fire Department, vs. Scott Ford, Beverly Hills (Mo.) Police Department.

• Steve Evanoff, University City (Mo.) Fire Department, vs. Richard Giles, St. Louis Police Department.

• Clyde Zelch, Gerald-Rosedale (Mo.) Fire Department, vs. James Goeken, Madison County Sheriff's Department.

• James Brooks, Edwardsville Fire Department, vs. Mike McCann, St. Louis Coun-

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BOXING SHOWDOWN

ty Police Department.

• Don Winkler, St. Louis Fire Department, vs. Larry Irving, St. Louis Police Department.

• Tom Mantia, Affton (Mo.) Fire Department, vs. Ryan Cousins, St. Louis Police Department.

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FAMILY



Classes of '47 reunite

Submitted photos

The January and June classes of Granite City Community High School held their 50th year reunion at the Sunset Hill Country Club on Sept. 26th. Those attending from the June class as pictured below are:

Left to right: (Seated on floor) Donald Zembrod, Donald Rhoads, Diane Thomas Schwendeman, Barbara Turner Bigham, Thomas Bigham, Betty McKelvey Patton, Pat Colligan Vorward, Noble Ebert Lomax, Francis Schwarzkopf, Willard Keller, Doris Branding Givillo, Winona Conner Corzilius, Elaine Compton Correll, Elizabeth Jones Payne, Dorothy Schilling Kinney, Corrine Smith Kreher, Florence Smolar Zmaila, Betty Waeltz Hamilton, Marian Dettmer Laverne Indermark Palcheff, Theresa Roderick Harding, James Dimitroff, Richard Francis, Charles Wayne Parker, Robert Klein, David Evans, Marilyn Sheppard Hettlenbach, Dolores Wigger Vogeler, Joe Altman, Rosemary Shepherd, Gehlert, Thomas Werner, Barbara Sheppard Hettlenbach, Dolores Wigger Vogeler, Joe Altman, Rosemary Shepherd, L.B. Patton, Joel Tester, Donald Cuvar, Owen Thomason, Leo Kerkemeyer, Henry Thomas, Everett Steele, Ralph Miller, Ernie DePriest, Ronald Alexander, Arthur Boyle, John Mucho, Gene Bischoff Thompson. Also present but not in picture were Doris Harper Mattox and Reedith Jones Gutjahr.

Those attending from the January class were from left above: (Seated) Dorothy Demaree Larner, Maxine Ruemmler Nemeth, Alice Lueker Province, Shirley Yates, Edna Brenda Jones, Virginia Dettwiler Laird, Jean Donley Hileman, Deloyce Craig Maples. (Second row) Richard Parizon, Norman Burnett, James Malottki, Gerald Patterson, Bob Joiner, Charles Herman, William Boker, John Gages, Harvey Ottinger, Terry Francis.

Commemorative mugs featuring the name of the high school and the warrior insignia were presented to all the graduates. Entertainment was furnished by Class Act.



St. Elizabeth Church ladies meet Oct. 28

The Ladies Auxiliary of the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church held its regular monthly meeting Oct. 28 at the church.

President Marilyn Schooley called the meeting to order. Opening prayer was read by Cleo Schnefke. Secretary Dolores Mosely, representative from Hosca House in St. Louis and a notice from Alton Deany concerning a Nov. 3 meeting.

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Nov. 18 was the CWU Blood Drive. A donation was also made to Hosca House. Membership chairman Lillian Ropac introduced one new member, Carmen Dickerson. Jan Polach reminded all the members who belong to the angel program that the Christmas party at the Collonades Nursing home will be at 1 p.m. Dec. 5.

Joyce Alexander and Nancy Norris thanked all the ladies who helped in any way with the holiday bazaar and turkey dinner. It was a big success. Jan Polach commented on the trip to Carthage, Mo., to

the Precious Moments Chapel and the historical tour of the area. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the fountain of angels program. A trip on Dec. 4 is planned for dinner on the Alton Belle and includes a trip to Rock Springs Park for a lighted holiday display tour.

Kathi Mangi is asking for seven ladies willing to serve on the Telephone Committee. The Men's Club is asking the help of the ladies for fish fries. Cleo Schnefke encouraged the ladies to be involved in a "Warm Up America" program, where the ladies are asked to crochet or knit squares to make afghans. Many of the ladies volunteered, and crochet or knitting lessons will be given after the November meeting.

Nomination and election of officers was held and the new officers are President Berta Milianis, Vice President Joyce Alexander, Secretary Cleo Schnefke and Treasurer Millie North.

Refreshments were served by the mothers of the church.

Leaders from St. Elizabeth School who gave a performance for the ladies.

Attendance prize was won by Carmen Dickerson. Pot of gold was won by Florence Moore, Madonna by Agnes Kelehan, and quilt of the month by Cathy and Ed LaRue.

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BIRTHS

Cameron John-Richard Paolucci

William and Sherri Paolucci of Granite City have announced the birth of their son.

Cameron John-Richard Paolucci was born at 2:06 p.m. on Aug. 15, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are John and Iris Suddeth of Granite City.

Richard Paolucci and Justine Jones of Fair Port, Ohio and Groveland, Fla. are the paternal grandparents.

Chaz Floyd Capela

Tina Combs and Charles Capela of Granite City have announced the birth of their son.

Chaz Floyd Capela was born at 3:45 p.m. on Aug. 13, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Hospital and weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Cindy Cooley of Granite City.

George Capela and Susan Williams of Granite City and Belleville are the paternal grandparents.

Madison Ashley Jansen

Sean and Brandi Jansen of Roxana have announced the birth of their daughter.

Madison Ashley Jansen was born at 2:02 p.m. on July 28, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Jim and Pam Myers of Granite City.

Terry and Sharon Jansen of Alton are the paternal grandparents.

The couple has one other child, Alexandria, 2 and a half yrs. old.

Megan Sue Anderson

Kim Townsend and Tony Anderson of Madison have announced the birth of their daughter.

Megan Sue Anderson was born at 12:06 a.m. on Aug. 15, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Hospital and weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Vicki Townsend and Chuck Townsend of Granite City.

Sue Anderson of Madison is the paternal grandmother.

Roberto Jose Delgado

Jose and Gina Delgado of Fairmont City have announced the birth of their son.

Roberto Jose Delgado was born at 6:36 p.m. on Aug. 16, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Hospital and weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Patrick and Juanita Buffa of Fairmont City.

Trinidad and Gloria Delgado of Fairmont City are the paternal grandparents.

The couple has 3 other children.

Ariel Rhea Page

Clint Page and Jennifer Smith of Granite City have announced the birth of their daughter.

Ariel Rhea Page was born at 5:40 a.m. on Aug. 15, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Hospital and weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Rose and Fred Smith of Granite City.

Nancy Page is the paternal grandmother.

Auxiliary holds fall meeting

The 22nd District American Legion Auxiliary held its fall meeting Oct. 11 in Alhambra.

Joyce Adesanya, president of Alhambra Unit 1147, welcomed everyone.

There were 16 units with 38 members present. Two guests were introduced: Gene Linenfelser, 22nd District commander, from Highland and Roger Mickelson, 22nd District junior vice commander, from Highland.

Recognized for greetings were: Shirley Moltgrewe, president of the St. Clair-More Country Council Auxiliary, from Belleville; and Maxine Cress, president of the Madison-Bond County Council Auxiliary, from Bethalto. Margaret Payne, department chaplain, from Cahokia was introduced.

Reports were given by officers and chairman.

Nancy Paelt, membership chairman, reported only one 100 percent unit, which was Belleville Stokoey Unit.

Adaline Drury, representative at the Alton Mental Health Center, reported on gifts for veterans there.

Rose Hankamer, Auxiliary Emergency Fund chairman, collected \$27.56 for this fund.

Margaret Payne, education chairman, reminded units to donate to the Department Education Fund for scholarships. Material for all scholarships was in the October packet to unit presidents.

Frances Elbeck, field service chairman, announced that an orientation course would be held in the future. Any unit can have one at their meeting.

Shirley Holtgrewe, haven chairman, announced the Egyptian past presidents and past commanders jamnia will be in Marion. Norma Hillmer will be installed as president at the EPFPC brunch.

Sharon Eldens, leadership chairman, reported on the course held in Edwardsville in October. Eight were present.

DeLoris Godat, Mayfest Co-Chairman, announced that May 17 will be the Mayfest at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy.

A party shower will be held at the January meeting for items for the United Services Organizations at St. Louis Airport.

Mary Lamoreaux, poppy chairman, reported an increase in cost of poppies. Veterans making poppies will receive more this year.

Dorothy Hinson, associate hospital representative at the John Cochran V.A., announced all the upcoming dates for the gift shop.

The Metro East Veterans Stand Down will again be held and will be on Jan. 24, 1998, at the Collinsville American Legion home in Collinsville.

A short video of the 1997 session of Illini Girls State was shown. The informational meeting will be May 3, 1998, in Edwardsville.

Norma Hillmer, ways and means chairman, held a drawing for the general fund.

The mid-year meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Jan. 11, 1998, at the Waterloo American Legion Home.

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'Dove' is a Masterpiece retread

It's three times unlucky for Henry James with "The Wings of the Dove," the third James classic in a year to translate unsuccessfully to the screen.

Last Christmas, Jane Campion unveiled her brooding, fanciful take on "The Portrait of a Lady," a film that owed more of a debt to Dostoevskian claustrophobia and angst than to James' elegantly ironic expressions of love, pain and the whole damn thing.

Then came Agnieszka Holland's "Washington Square," which had to compete not just

with James' charming, if minor, 1881 novel but with "The Heiress," the first-rate 1949 film fashioned from it.

Now, English director Iain Softley ("Backbeat") takes the safer option with a later novel, "The Wings of the Dove," which recapitulates some of the scenario — and machinations — of "Portrait."

But whereas Campion's film was that of a visionary gone awry, this movie takes few risks. A provocative performance notwithstanding from a coolly controlling Helena Bonham Carter, the new film is little more than a bland "Masterpiece Theater" retread. James and his admirers deserve better.

Written in 1902, the novel remains one of the author's smartest meditations on his so-called "international theme," in which American innocence meets European cunning.

The guileless pawn in this case is Milly Theale (Alison Elliott), an unmarried American heiress who's on the European circuit and revealed to be terminally ill.

In England, the no-less-moneyed Maud Lowder (Charlotte Rampling) introduces Milly to Kate Croy (Bonham Carter), her ward and niece, who is herself busy fretting over an impoverished father (Michael Gambon).

The young women become friends of a sort, with Milly little realizing the scheme Kate has in mind. Eager to wed none-too-wealthy journalist Merton Densher (Linus Roache), Kate hatches a plan to marry him off to Milly, aware that when she dies, her true lovers to tie the knot.

However beautiful the surroundings, the plot is an expose of human ugliness, and it is thickened by the scheming.



Alison Elliott, Linus Roache and Helena Bonham Carter in Miramax Films' "The Wings of the Dove."

go-between, Lord Mark (Alex Jennings), the gossiping suitor whom Milly rejects in her growing love for Merton. "Give me your word," Kate tells Merton near the end, "that you're not in love with Milly's memory." But that love is precisely what does survive, poisoning the survivors' liaison as they turn into Milly's life.

The psychology of the tale is as knotted as James' intricate prose, and it is surprisingly flatly served by a creative team that includes screenwriter Hossein Amini and cameraman Eduardo Serra. (Sure, Venice looks lush, but when hasn't it?)

Among the principals, Roache the tormented cleric of "Priest" skims lightly over the character who under goes what might be thought of as the most thorough reckoning.

Urged by Kate to trade seduction for money, Merton emerges as a potent "dove" who yearns to fly away from the same realm of duplicity that swallowed Milly. But his

conflict is submerged by Roache's oddly opaque performance.

Elliott, for her part, doesn't make an interesting one of James' American women — Daisy Miller is another — who exist to play the victim.

Luckily, Bonham Carter is on hand to lift the movie beyond a finely garbed tearjerker. An actress who groves in assuredness and beauty the older she gets, she possesses the necessary gravity and allure to draw you in even as you recoil from her misdeeds.

Here is a cunning combination, and a truly Jamesian one, and it leaves the rest of "The Wings of the Dove" all too earbound.

"The Wings of the Dove" is a Miramax release of a Stephen Evans and David Parfitt. A nod should be given to some lovely designs by Academy Award-winning costume designer Sandy Powell. The film is rated R for some nudity. Running time: 101 minutes.

— Associated Press

HOROSCOPE

THURSDAY, NOV. 20

The full moon in Taurus excites the senses. Love is tender but passionate. Money that is owed to you finally arrives. An aspect involving Jupiter and Saturn makes us feel confident that our hard work will pay off. Things add up, just like we thought they would. Those who live far from their loved ones should consider a weekend trip to reunite.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 20). Heavenly hopes turn into reality because you are persistent! Make this the year of never giving up. Through January, the financial picture back before your expectations. Pay friends and family forward unencumbered by debt. Love is rich in February and March. Many marry Aries or Leo in June.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Pace yourself, allowing ambition to burn bright without burning out. A sales or business report gets a boost when you refine your vocabulary. A loved one requires space, so suggest a little private time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You know what you want. Seek adventuresome partners for creative projects. In love, creating an ambience and mystery will serve you well. A new friendship is mutually beneficial.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your electric personality attracts sweethearts and friends — more than you can handle! Others work for approval — you smartly work for cash. Cracking the whip gets associates motivated.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your financial situation is altered through brainstorming. Streamline your possessions for clarity of thought. Last week's profound statements were overlooked, so repeat yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23). Grab support from every corner — you need as much as possible. Business contacts play hard to get with a love interest. First cutting small spending. A family member needs your generous attention.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23). You might not save the day, but you can help. The aggressive nature of business could scare poetry, aesthetic values and innocence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your love's scorn is less serious than it appears, but stay in his or her good graces. For sure victory, act out the scenario before it happens. Family supports your powerful action toward independence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Keep your romantic hopes high. More possibilities open to you now. Delegate authority on the job. Partners turn you on to new interests. Finance is cut and dried.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). One good meeting helps your position at work. You have unexplored ideals in common with love interest. Questions of commitment arise. Stay practical; ambition can seize up your ability to reason.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A past love cycle repeats unless you change course now. Others are more accepting than you imagine, so use your creativity and push the limits. A joint financial venture is charmed. Find an exercise partner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A healthy balance between love and work is finally found. Impose time limits for overdue assignments, then move on. You drum up enthusiasm for upcoming events. Associates lend talent.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everything is negotiable. Ask for the compromise you need. You're a new, deeper appreciation of aesthetic beauty. Singles: Affluent, educated prospects are out tonight.

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The cost of adopting a dog is \$60 and includes rabies shot, DHPP, collar, leash, ID tag and \$15 spay/neuter deposit.

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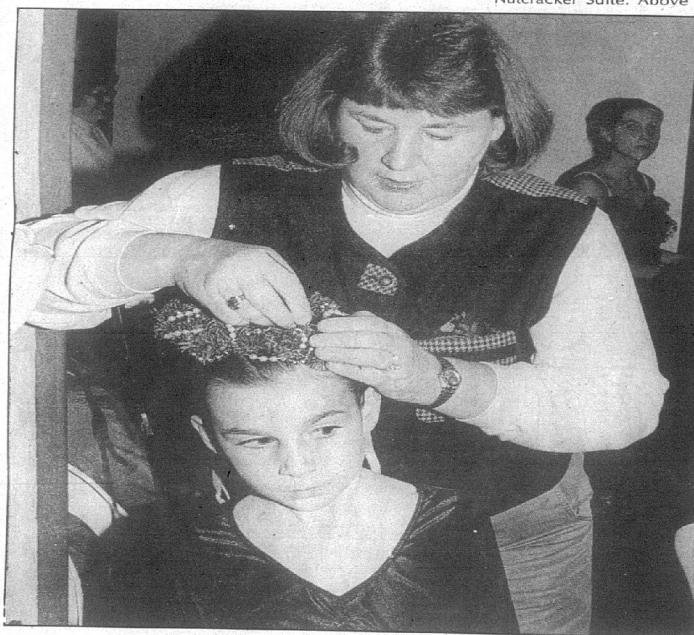
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Above, Taran Holdener, Lauren Bieri, Clarissa Ries and Jonathon Saia rehearse for the Nutcracker Suite. Above left, Katie Thurman twirls her ribbon in Act II.



Above, one of the performers from The Belleville School of Ballet gets her hair fixed. At right top, Cassie Zuger, left, concentrates on the opening of Act II. At right, Tiffany Moll shows off her form in Act II. Patti Woods Harrington is director and owner of the school. The school is located at 310 E. Main St.



Retirement community services encourage independence

Retirement communities are increasing in number throughout the country and the Midwest is certainly no exception. The advancing technologies in health-care services, healthier lifestyles, and early retirement have all contributed to living longer and healthier lives than past generations. The average American will live an additional 15 years after retiring, and the market is definitely reaching out to them.

Retirement communities vary greatly, but have some basic similarities. Most communities consist of independent apartments. Like any apartment complex, residents drive their own cars, cook their own food, do their own shopping and live independently from each other. Many retirement communities offer services on the premises to encourage independence. Necessary services like transportation, a dining room, maid and linen services are available to those who may not drive or simply do not wish to cook for

themselves. Security is another asset that most retirement communities offer. Patrolled grounds or locked doors limit accessibility and require outsiders to enter through a manned entrance.

On the other hand, some communities practice an everything-under-one-roof philosophy. Their goal is to be able to provide everything that is necessary and accessibility to everything else. These retirement communities emphasize choice. They offer banking on site, physician and podiatrist visits, educational health-care services. Communities with a holistic approach present services for the mind, body, and soul. They have educational programs, speakers, and libraries. They encourage exercise, good diet, and fitness prevention. They offer multiple levels of health-care services. Spiritual needs are addressed according to one's own beliefs, through both ecumenical services and mass.

Retirement complexes offer a wide variety of social interaction and entertainment. They have planned trips to cultural events, such as plays, the art museum or fun outings to a gambling boat or to a Cardinals game. The company is great and transportation is free. Don't feel like going out? There is plenty happening on the grounds: crafts, billiards, card games, or committees to join. If you are a loner, enjoy a stroll on beautiful secure grounds or spent the afternoon in the library.

Health and independence are closely linked. Caring for one's own health needs is essential to maintaining independence. Retirement communities realize this association and plan programs and services to maintain residents' health. Dietitians, plan well-balanced menus, exercise and dance classes are available, and educational speakers present updates on wellness issues. Some have nurses' clinics, to supply information and answer health related questions, or assist in monitoring hypertension or diabetes.

Other communities associate with a home health agency to provide needed temporary in-home services.

A number of differing levels of health-care services exist. A skilled nursing unit is licensed to provide 24-hour skilled nursing services. Advanced health-care services may be available, such as physical, occupational, and speech therapies. Equally important is wound care, insulin regulation, or any service requiring licensed health-care professionals. Skilled nursing facilities are beneficial in recovery situations, such as a fractured hip or CVA, commonly referred to as a stroke. In fact, much of the care that was provided in hospitals in the past is now provided in skilled nursing facilities.

The shift in care providers was initiated by Medicare limitations on both the allowable number of hospital days and

the reimbursement that hospitals receive. Some hospitals have responded by building or turning a part of the hospital into skilled nursing facilities in order to provide continued care. Even in a skilled nursing facility, Medicare reimbursement provided meets certain criteria and funding is limited to a maximum of 100 days. Nationally, Medicare pays less than 2 percent of all nursing home care.

Several communities have a skilled nursing facility attached to their independent apartments. However, a growing number of individuals are somewhere in between, not requiring 24-hour nursing care, but needing a little assistance maintaining their independence. Surprisingly, an extra hand with a bath or a simple medication reminder enables many to maintain their independence, in their own apartment. There are many advantages

to selecting a retirement community that offers the entire spectrum of services. Even if a particular service is not currently needed, it is reassuring to know that the services are available. Couples benefit by offering assistance to the care giving spouse. Residents have the freedom to move back and forth from one level of service to another without moving away from friends or their spouse. Multiple care level complexes encourage individuals to maintain the highest level of independence possible.

Living in Your Golden Years is a monthly column, being sponsored by The Suburban Journals. The purpose is to provide information of interest to the senior population. Topics will cover the entire spectrum from health issues to travel spots. Comments or suggestions can be mailed to Vicki White, C/O Suburban Journals, 219 N. Illinois, Belleville, IL, 62220, or by phone at The Apartment Community of Our Lady of the Snows at 397-6700.

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